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SUBJ: BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING

1. GAS HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED AT ALL THREE WILDCAT WELLS
BEING DRILLED BY DOME PETROLEUM IN BEAUFORT SEA. POTENTIAL
IMPORTANCE OF THESE GAS SHOWS WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL DOME
CREWS COMPLETE WELL LOGGING.

2. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY HAMPERING
PROGRESS ON TWO OF DOME S THREE WELLS AND THIRD WELL IS
STILL A LONG WAY FROM ITS ULTIMATE PROGRAMMED DEPTH OF 14
THOUSAND FEET. WELL PLACED INDUSTRY OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT
KOPANOAR AND NEKTORALIK WELLS HAVE HAD VERY PROMISING GAS
SHOWS BUT THAT THESE FINDINGS COULD NOT BE PROPERLY EVALU-
ATED UNTIL THE ZONES IN WHICH THE GAS WAS FOUND HAD BEEN
PERFORATED AND TESTED. SAME SOURCE STATED THAT EVALUATION
OF KOPANOAR AND NEKTORALIK GAS FINDINGS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE
IF BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING SEASON (WHICH IS TO EXPIRE SEPT.
25) IS EXTENDED AND ICE CONDITIONS REMAIN FAVORABLE.

3. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF BEAUFORT SEA "GAS FINDS"

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COINCIDES WITH DOME EFFORT TO OBTAIN EXTENTION CURRENT
DRILLING SEASON AND OCCURED WHEN GROUP OF POTENTIAL DOME
INVESTORS WAS TOURING THE NORTH. DISOLVED GAS HAS BEEN
FOUND IN ALL BEAUFORT SEA WELLS DRILLED TO DATE AND IS NOT,
PER SE, AN INDICATION OF A COMMERCIAL DISCOVERY. FURTHER
REPORT WILL FOLLOW.
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